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DEPARTMENT FOR A,
WHITE HOUSE FOR MS. MARY HOYT

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, ROSALYNN)
SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEPARTURE STATEMENT OF MRS. CARTER

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF PROPOSED DEPARTURE STATEMENT
OF MRS. CARTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

MR. PRIME MINISTER, I WANT TO THANK MY NEW JAMAICAN
FRIENDS -- THOSE I MET PERSONALLY, AND EQUALLY THOSE I
MET THROUGH THE MEDIA -- FOR THE WARM AND WONDERFUL HOS-
PITALITY THEY HAVE SHOWN TO ME AND TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS
OF MY PARTY. AND I KNOW THAT MRS. VANCE AND ASSISTANT
SECRETARY TODMAN JOIN ME IN THIS SENSE OF APPRECIATION.

THAT OUR TALKS YESTERDAY WERE WARM AND FRIENDLY, NEED
HARDLY BE SAID. WHAT WE CONCLUDED HAS BEEN SAID IN OUR
STATEMENT. ONLY TIME WILL TELL HOW FRUITFUL THESE TALKS
HAVE BEEN. THERE WAS A WILL ON BOTH SIDES TO MAKE
THEM PRODUCTIVE, AND WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS
NEARLY ALWAYS A WAY.

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DINNER LAST NIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF JAMAICA HOUSE
REMINDS ME SO MUCH OF HOME. I SHAN'T SOON FORGET THE
HIGH SPIRITS OF THE DANCERS WHO PERFORMED FOR US.

I SAID WHEN I ARRIVED THAT I HAD COME HERE TO
LISTEN AND TO LEARN. I LEARNED A GREAT DEAL THIS

MORNING FROM MY TRIP TO THE URBAN UPGRADING CENTER IN KINGSTON. I THOUGHT THE NAME OF THAT PROJECT PARTICULARLY APT. SUCH PROJECTS IN AMERICA ARE FREQUENTLY CALLED "URBAN RENEWAL" -- WHICH SIGNIFIES, IN A SENSE, A DESIRE TO GO BACK AND START OVER AGAIN. I THINK THAT THE RECOGNITION, INHERENT IN "URBAN UPGRADING", THAT WE HAVE TO START WHERE WE ARE AND IMPROVE THE SITUATION IN WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES, RATHER THAN STARTING ALL OVER, IS A LESSON FROM WHICH WE CAN PROFIT. I WAS ALSO TAKEN WITH THE APTNESS OF TWO OF THE LINES FROM A LITTLE SONG WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN THAT SHORT HISTORY OF THE PROJECT WHICH I WAS GIVEN WHEN I ARRIVED THERE: "NO MORE BACKWARD THINKIN', TIME FOR THINKIN' AHEAD"...AND THE LINE FROM THE CHORUS THAT SAID "THE WORLD WON'T GET NO BETTER IF WE JUST LET IT BE..." I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW PLEASED I WAS TO DISCOVER THIS MORNING THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CENTRAL KINGSTON ARE NOT "JUST LETTING IT BE".

I CAN IMAGINE HOW PROUD YOU MUST BE, TOO, OF THIS NEW CENTER FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS. I'M NOT SURE EVERYONE BELIEVES THAT PRODUCTION AND POETRY CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY COMBINED. I AM ONE WHO DOES. IT MUST BE A JOY TO EVERY JAMAICAN TO KNOW THAT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO TRANSMIT THE CULTURAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JAMAICA AND JAMAICANS TO THE GENERATION WHICH IS NOW GROWING UP.

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MR. PRIME MINISTER, PERMIT ME ONE MORE WORD ON THE SUBJECT OF OUR TALKS. QUITE FRANKLY, I DO NOT THINK THAT PROBLEMS SUCH AS THOSE WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED CAN BE SOLVED MERELY BY SUBSTITUTING A NEW ORTHODOXY FOR AN OLD ONE. WHAT IS NEEDED IS THE APPLICATION, IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, OF OUR MOST CREATIVE INSIGHTS AND IMAGINATIVE EFFORTS TO THE DISCOVERY OF NEW, AND MORE EQUITABLE WAYS TO RELATE HUMAN EFFORT TO HUMAN NEED.

IT IS SAID THAT THE LONGEST JOURNEY BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP. WORKING TOGETHER, STRIVING FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, WITH A JOINT EFFORT AT FRIENDLY TOLERATION OF DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH, WE CAN TAKE THAT FIRST STEP TOGETHER AND BEGIN THAT LONG JOURNEY.

NOT LONG AGO, IN ONE OF OUR NEWSPAPERS, I SAW AN ADVERTISEMENT WHICH SAID "COME BACK TO JAMAICA". NOW THAT I HAVE BEEN HERE, AND MET ALL OF THESE WONDERFUL

PEOPLE, I FEEL MORE NEARLY QUALIFIED TO ACCEPT
THAT INVITATION. AND, ALTHOUGH I CANNOT SAY PRECISELY
WHEN, YOU CAN BE SURE THAT I WILL ACCEPT. NEXT TIME,
PERHAPS, I CAN BRING THE REST OF THE FAMILY.

THANK YOU.
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